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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER'S REPORT TO PARLIAMENT ON HIS FOREIGN TRIP

1. SPEAKING IN PARLIAMENT JULY 20, PRIME MINISTER DESAI
REVIEWED THE HIGHLIGHTS OF HIS JUNE 5-17 TRIP TO
WESTERN EUROPE AND THE U.S. THERE WERE NO SURPRISES
IN HIS STATEMENT, THE KEY POINTS OF WHICH ARE
SUMMARIZED BELOW:

(A) THE PM NOTED THAT "THERE IS A FRIENDLY AND WARM
INTEREST IN INDIA" IN ALL THE COUNTRIES HE VISITED.
HE FOUND AN APPRECIATION FOR INDIA'S POLICY OF
GENUINE NON-ALIGNMENT AND FOR THE GOI'S EFFORTS TO
IMPROVE RELATIONS AMONG THE COUNTRIES OF SOUTH
ASIA.

(B) HE HAD WARM WORDS FOR PRESIDENT CARTER, NOTING
THAT HE WAS "IMPRESSED BY THE PRESIDENT'S FRANK,
SINCERE AND FRIENDLY APPROACH." HIS DISCUSSIONS IN
WASHINGTON PROVIDED "A FIRM FOUNDATION FOR BUILDING
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MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL RELATIONS" BETWEEN INDIA AND THE
U.S.

(C) THE PRIME MINISTER SATED THAT IN WASHINGTON HE
CLEARLY ARGUED THE GOI'S POSITION THAT THE U.S.
WAS OBLIGATED TO SUPPLY ENRICHED URANIUM TO TARAPUR
UNTIL 1993. WHILE RECOGNIZING THE DIFFERENCES OF

OPINION ON THIS ISSUE, HE ADDED THAT " I HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THERE IS A WIDER AND BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF OUR NUCLEAR POLICY.... THAN IN THE PAST."

(D) HE SAID THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED IN WASHINGTON, LONDON AND BRUSSELS THE NECESSITY OF CONTROLLING THE GROWING TREND TOWARD PROTECTIONISM IN DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE MENTIONED THAT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE KREPS WOULD BE VISITING INDIA LATER THIS YEAR TO EXPLORE MEANS OF EXPANDING INDO-US TRADE.

(E) THE PM NOTED THAT HIS DISCUSSIONS IN ALL CAPITALS HAD INCLUDED A BROAD RANGE OF MULTILATERAL ISSUES, PARTICULARLY AFRICA AND DISARMAMENT. HE ALSO SUMMARIZED THE HIGHLIGHTS OF HIS SPEECH BEFORE THE U.N. SPECIAL SESSION IN DISARMAMENT, THE RESULTS OF WHICH HE SAID CONTAINED "SOME POSITIVE ELEMENTS."

2. NO SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS WERE ALLOWED TO BE ASKED AFTER THE PM FINISHED READING HIS STATEMENT, ALTHOUGH THE SPEAKER SAID THAT DISCUSSION COULD TAKE PLACE ON THE PRIME MINISTER'S REMARKS AFTER FOREIGN MINISTER VAJPAYEE'S RETURN FROM THE NAM MINISTERIAL MEETING IN BELGRADE.

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3. WE ARE POUCHING TO NEA/INS COPIES OF THE PM'S STATEMENT.
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